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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

FROM: { Director AD/CVD & Revenue Policy & Programs }

RE: PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF CRITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE  
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TO: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS

DISTRICT DIRECTORS, AREA AND PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, IMPORT SPECIALIST DIVISION

RE: PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF CRITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE  
ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN COMPACT DUCTILE  
IRON WATERWORKS FITTINGS AND ACCESSORIES FROM THE PRC

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER  
ON MAY 6, 1993, ITS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF CRITICAL  
CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN  
COMPACT DUCTILE IRON WATERWORKS FITTINGS AND ACCESSORIES FROM THE

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

2. THE PRODUCTS COVERED BY THIS INVESTIGATION ARE 1) CERTAIN

COMPACT DUCTILE IRON WATERWORKS FITTINGS OF 3 TO 16 INCHES NOMINAL DIAMETER REGARDLESS OF SHAPE, INCLUDING BENDS, TEES, CROSSES, WYES, REDUCERS, ADAPTERS, AND OTHER SHAPES, WHETHER OR NOT CEMENT LINED, AND WHETHER OR NOT COVERED WITH BITUMEN OR SIMILAR SUBSTANCES, CONFORMING TO AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION/AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE AWWA/ANSI SPECIFICATION C153/A21.53, AND RATED FOR WATER WORKING PRESSURE OF 350 PSI; AND 2) CERTAIN CDIW FITTINGS ACCESORIES WHICH TYPICALLY CONSIST OF A STANDARD DUCTILE IRON GLAND, A STYRENE BUTADIENE RUBBER (SBR) GASKET, THE REQUISITE NUMBER OF COR-TEN STEEL OR DUCTILE IRON T-HEAD BOLTS, AND HEXAGONAL NUTS, FOR FITTINGS IN SIZES 3 TO 16 INCHES, CONFORMING TO AWWA/ANSI SPECIFICATION C111/A21.11, AND RATED FOR WATER WORKING PRESSURE OF 350 PSI. GASKETS, BOLTS AND NUTS ARE ONLY INCLUDED IF THEY ARE IMPORTED AS AN ACCESSORY PACK WITH A GLAND. HOWEVER, GLANDS IMPORTED SEPARATELY ARE INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION.

THE TYPES OF CDIW FITTINGS COVERED BY THIS INVESTIGATION ARE COMPACT DUCTILE IRON MECHANICAL JOINT WATERWORKS FITTINGS AND COMPACT DUCTILE IRON PUSH-ON JOINT WATERWORKS FITTINGS, BOTH OF WHICH ARE USED FOR THE SAME APPLICATIONS. CDIW FITTINGS ARE USED TO JOIN WATER MAIN PRESSURE PIPES, VALVES, OR HYDRANTS IN STRAIGHT LINES, AND CHANGE, DIVERT, DIVIDE, OR DIRECT THE FLOW OF RAW AND OR TREATED WATER IN PIPING SYSTEMS. CDIW FITTINGS ATTACH TO THE PIPE, VALVE, OR HYDRANT AT A JOINT AND ARE USED PRINCIPALLY FOR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS.

CDIW FITTINGS ACCESSORIES ARE USED TO JOIN MECHANICAL JOINT CDIW FITTINGS TO PIPES. THE ACCESSORIES ENSURE THE COMPLETENESS OF THE SEAL BETWEEN THE CDIW FITTING AND PIPE. MECHANICAL JOINT FITTINGS MUST BE USED WITH CDIW ACCESSORIES. PUSH-ON FITTINGS DO NOT REQUIRE CDIW ACCESSORIES OTHER THAN A SBR GASKET.

CDIW FITTINGS WITH NOMINAL DIAMETERS GREATER THAN 16 INCHES, AND THE ACCESSORIES USED WITH CDIW FITTINGS WITH NOMINAL DIAMETERS GREATER THAN 16 INCHES, ARE SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF THE INVESTIGATION. NONMALLEABLE CAST IRON FITTINGS (ALSO CALLED GRAY IRON FITTINGS) AND FULL-BODIED DUCTILE FITTINGS ARE

ALSO SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION. NONMALLEABLE CAST IRON FITTINGS HAVE LITTLE DUCTILITY AND ARE GENERALLY RATED ONLY 150 TO 250 PSI. FULL-BODIED DUCTILE FITTINGS HAVE A LONGER BODY DESIGN THAN A COMPACT FITTING BECAUSE IN THE COMPACT DESIGN THE STRAIGHT SECTION OF THE BODY IS OMITTED TO PROVIDE A MORE COMPACT AND LESS HEAVY FITTING WITHOUT REDUCING STRENGTH OR FLOW CHARACTERISTICS. IN ADDITION, THE FULL-BODIED DUCTILE FITTINGS ARE THICKER WALLED THAN THE COMPACT FITTINGS. FULL-BODIED FITTINGS ARE MADE OF EITHER GRAY IRON OR DUCTILE IRON, IN SIZES OF 3 TO 48 INCHES, CONFORM TO AWWA/ANSI SPECIFICATION C110/C21.10, AND ARE RATED TO A MAXIMUM OF ONLY 250 PSI. IN ADDITION, COMPACT DUCTILE IRON FLANGED FITTINGS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION, AS THEY HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT CHARACTERISTICS AND USES THAN CDIW FITTINGS.

CDIW FITTINGS ARE CLASSIFIABLE UNDER SUBHEADING 7307.19.30.00, OF THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (HTSUS). STANDARD DUCTILE IRON GLANDS ARE CLASSIFIABLE UNDER HTSUS SUBHEADING 7325.99.10.00, STYRENE BUTADIENE RUBBER GASKETS ARE CLASSIFIABLE UNDER HTSUS SUBHEADING 4016.93.00.90, T-HEAD BOLTS OF STEEL OR DUCTILE IRON ARE CLASSIFIABLE UNDER HTSUS SUBHEADING 7318.15.20.90, AND HEXAGONAL NUTS ARE CLASSIFIABLE UNDER HTSUS SUBHEADING 7318.16.00.00. ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES, OUR WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION IS DISPOSITIVE.

3. THE DEPARTMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT CRITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST WITH REGARD TO EXPORTS OF CDIW FITTINGS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF FROM THE PRC. THEREFORE, FOR ALL EXPORTS OF CDIW FITTINGS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF FROM THE PRC, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATION OF SUCH MERCHANDISE THAT IS ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER

NOVEMBER 20, 1992, THE DATE WHICH IS 90 DAYS PRIOR TO DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE AFFIRMATIVE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER AND SHALL REQUIRE A CASH DEPOSIT OR POSTING OF A BOND EQUAL TO THE ESTIMATED PRELIMINARY MARGIN PERCENTAGE LISTED

BELOW:

ALL MANUFACTURERS/

PRODUCERS/EXPORTERS    IDENTIFICATION NO.    MARGIN PERCENTAGE

A-570-820-000            127.38

4. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, THEY SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE IMPORT SPECIALIST DIVISION, OTHER AGENCY BRANCH BY E-MAIL ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB." THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT JAMES TERPSTRA, OR KATE JOHNSON OF THE OFFICE OF ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATIONS, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TELEPHONE (202) 428-3965 AND (202) 482-4929 RESPECTIVELY.

5. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

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